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1. DURING LUNCHEON CONVERSATION ON AUGUST 31 WITH FONOFF DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS MEIJER, CHARGE ADVERTED TO KOREAN ITEM SAYING THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THAT GON AND U.S. HAD CONVERGENT POSITION. JEIJER CONCURRED, WITH ONE SUBSTANTIVE EXCEPTION. HE EXPLAINED THAT GON HAD TAKEN BASIC DECISION TO RECOGNIZE NORTH KOREA BY THE END OF THIS YEAR ALTHOUGH TIMING WAS SUBJECT TO NORTH KOREA'S "BEHAVIOR" DURING THE FORTHCOMING UNGA. IN SHORT IF GON HAD REASON TO BE DISSATISFIED WITH THE WAY NORTH KOREA COMPORTED ITSELF DURING THE DEBATE THE GON MIGHT DECIDE TO DELAY RECOGNITION UNTIL SOMETIME IN 1974.

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2. MEIJER AMPLIFIED THAT THIS DECISION, WHICH HE ADMITTED WAS NOT

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ITS CRITICS WITHIN THE SENIOR LEVELS OF THE FONOFF, WAS TAKEN BECAUSE THE PRESENT DUTCH GOVTERNMENT DID NOT FEEL THAT IT COULD REMAIN MUCH LONGER IN A POSITION OF NOT RECOGNIZING A GOING SOVEREIGN STATE. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT NORTH KOREA HAD ATTRACTED VIRTUALLY NO RECOGNITION OUTSIDE OF THE COMMUNIST WORLD BUT HE INDICATED HIS BELIEF THAT SEVERAL OTHER NON-COMMUNIST STATES WERE PREPARING TO ACCORD NORTH KOREA RECOGNITION. HE ADDED THAT THE MODALITIES OF RECOGNITION WOULD BE WORKED OUT IN DUE COURSE BY DIRECT CONTACT WITH NORTH KOREAN REPRESENTATIVES, SIMILARLY TO THE PROCESS BY WHICH THE GON HAD ANNOUNCED ITS RECOGNITION OF NORTH VIET NAM LAST SPRING. HE GAVE NO INDICATION HOWEVER THAT HIS GOVERNMENT HAD ANY INTENTION AS OF NOW OF ACCREDITING A REPRESENTATIVE IN PYONGYANG.

3. IN RESPONSE TO THE CHARGE'S REQUEST FOR CLARIFICATION MEIJER CONFIRMED THAT THE POSITION HIS GOVERNMENT HAD ESTABLISHED RE THE KOREAN ITEM IN THE UNGA WAS ESSENTIALLY THE SAME AS THAT OF THE UNITED STATES ALTHOUGH SUPPORT FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF THE UNC WAS PERHAPS A SHADE LESS FIRM AND CONVINCED. MEIJER VOLUNTEERED HOWEVER THAT IN ITS HANDLING OF THE KOREAN ITEM THE GON WOULD NOT WISH TO DO ANYTHING WHICH WOULD UNDERMINE THE POSITION OF THE ROK.

4. CHARGE MADE NO SUBSTANTIVE RESPONSE TO MEIJER'S STATEMENT RE THE GON'S INTENTION TO RECOGNIZE NORTH KOREA. THIS CAN OF COURSE BE THE SUBJECT OF A FURTHER CONVERSATION OR DEMARCHE TO THE FONOFF IF THE DEPT. DESIRES. IT WOULD ALSO BE DISCUSSED AS MEIJER SUGGESTED DURING FONMIN VAN DER STOEL'S SCHEDULED VISIT TO WASHINGTON SEPTEMBER 19.
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